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SUMMARY: SPORADIC INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE CONTINUE. FOREIGN
MINISTRY CREATES COMMITTEE TO NULLIFY "SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA".
ABOUT 43 TOWNS AND VILLAGES HAVE REPORTED INCIDENTS THUS FAR.
END SUMMARY.

1. MEDIA APRIL 5 REPORTED A FEW SPORADIC INCIDENTS OF
CONTINUED VIOLENCE, BUT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IS CLEARLY DYING
DOWN. IN NEWLY REPORTED INCIDENTS, A TOWN GOVERNOR'S CAR WAS
SET AFAIRE IN DARRESHAHR AND A PHYSICAL CULTURE ORGANIZATION IN
SIRJAN WAS BURNED.

2. ON APRIL 4 FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN PARVIZ ADL ANNOUNCED
FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE OF GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION WITHIN THE
MINISTRY TO USE OFFICIAL AND UNQUESTIONABLE INFORMATION
TO UNCOVER LIES BEING SPREAD BY INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRATORS.
ADL SAD THE COMMITTEE WOULD OPERATE WITHIN THE
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FRAMEWORK OF THE RESURGENCE PARTY CHAPTER IN THE MINISTRY. THE
COMMITTEE'S MAIN EMPHASIS APPEARS TO BE ON INFORMING
IRANIAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF THE TRUE SITUATION IN IRAN.
ADL DEFENDED THE CLERGY AS "ONE OF THE STRONGEST BASTIONS
OF FAITH, MORALITY AND PATRIOTISM" IN IRAN. HE SAID THE
CLERGY WERE SOMETIMES GIVEN FALSE INFORMATION AND THE
MINISTRY DID NOT WISH THEM TO BE MISINFORMED. THE

COMMITTEE WILL ALSO USE ITS INFORMATION TO INFORM
IRANIAN CITIZENS AT HOME OF ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST
THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. A REVIEW OF VARIOUS INCIDENTS REPORTED OVER THE
PAST FOUR DAYS SUGGESTS THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT 43 TOWNS
AND VILLAGES INVOLVED IN SOME SORT OF DISTURBANCES. TO
DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF A CONSPIRACY TO
PROMOTE THESE ACTIVITIES BUT RUMORS ARE AGAIN BEGINNING TO
SURFACE THAT THERE HAS BEEN "FOREIGN"--PROBABLY RUSSIAN--
INSPIRATION BEHIND SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES. ONE STORY
HEARD BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER EVEN SUGGESTED THAT AMERICAN
INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WERE TRYING TO MUDDY IRAN'S WATERS...
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